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## MANAGER OF ALLEGED OFF-SHORE ILLEGAL TRUST PROGRAM ORDERED DETAINED AND SENT TO SACRAMENTO TO FACE CHARGES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney John K. Vincent and Dwight J. Sparlin, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation for Northern California, announced that KAROLYN GROSNICKLE, age 58, of Hoodsport, Washington, was ordered yesterday by a federal magistrate judge in Seattle to remain in custody and to be transported to Sacramento, California to face charges pending against her there. GROSNICKLE had been a fugitive since February 28, 2001, until her arrest by IRS Special Agents in Olympia, Washington last Friday.

GROSNICKLE is one of six persons charged earlier this year in a criminal complaint with conspiracy to launder \$470,000, most of it through an offshore trust program that was allegedly used by clients to move and conceal millions of dollars overseas in an effort to avoid payment of U.S. taxes on the funds. GROSNICKLE was indicted on May 3, 2001, by a federal grand jury in Sacramento, California on conspiracy to launder money in violation of Title 18 U.S. Code Section 1956(h), and other related charges.

One fugitive remains of those charged in this case. KEITH ANDERSON, age 59, of Villa Punta Canon, Santa Ana, Costa Rica is presently at large. According to Special Agent in Charge

Dwight J. Sparlin, "The IRS is committed to bringing all of those indicted to stand trial. We will continue to work with the United States Attorney's Office in this effort."

Documents filed with the court allege that GROSNICKLE and ANDERSON, along with RICHARD MARKS and WAYNE ANDERSON, were principals in, or referred clients to, an illegal offshore trust operation known as Anderson Ark & Associates that moved client funds from within the United States to Costa Rica in order to avoid paying taxes on the money. RICHARD MARKS and WAYNE ANDERSON have already appeared on the indictment. The next scheduled court date is September 25, 2001, in Sacramento, California.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service,

Criminal Investigation and is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Offices in Sacramento, California
and Boston, Massachusetts.

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